

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 20, 2006

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Martin
Cmdr. James Tolbert
Sgt. Rodney Cox

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director **(ABS)**
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
P.O. Kent Cooper
John Patterson, Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Media
Dwayne Banks
Steve Land
Dail Sims
Bobby Hardison

Kimberly Land
Paul Henderson
Joe Semm
Wade Gilchrist
John Govel

Dave Northam
Daniel Murff
Gary Karolski
Gus Spafase
George Washington

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Holley called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:16 pm.

Vice-Chairperson Holley acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHAIR

There was no report from the Vice-Chair.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – ATTY. HOOKS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	32	381
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	28	393

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **12** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **2** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **0** cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"



The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 3, 2006 through April 9, 2006, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 33 search warrants and 39 street enforcement actions within the City of Detroit. As a result, the following arrests and confiscations were made:

- 40 Felony arrests
- 117 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 41,649.20 grams of cocaine, 73.4 grams of heroin, 1,085.00 grams of marijuana and 191 pills, street value:
- \$16,798,050.00
- \$48,178.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 20 Handguns

Community Anti-Crime Walk "Taking Back Our Streets"

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Third New Hope Baptist Church
12850 Plymouth Road
Detroit, Michigan 48204

April 22nd

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

Anti-Crime Walk starts at 1:00 p.m.

For more Info please call: 313-596-5216

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, April 27, 2006
@3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien
Room 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Engaging the Community

8th Candle Light Vigil

Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, Michigan 48226
@7:00 a.m.

May 3rd

BLOOD DRIVE

The Central District will be sponsoring a "BLOOD DRIVE" in conjunction with the "AMERICAN RED CROSS" on Monday April 17th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Detroit Police Department GYM located at 1300 Beaubien "Headquarters."

** PLEASE JOIN US AND GIVE BLOOD TO SOMEONE IN NEED **

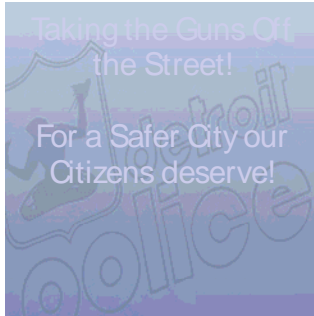
 **American Red Cross**
Blood Services



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Police / Community Intervention

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Community Crime Walk

Western District
1441 West Seven Mile
Detroit, Michigan 48203
Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

April 22nd

For more info please call: 313-596-1200

Northeastern Investigative Operations

On April 9th, officers assigned to the Northeastern District received information and a description on a subject wanted for an "Attempt Carjacking/Person Armed with a Shotgun". Due to the diligent efforts of these officers two adult males were later apprehended and charged for "Assault with Intent to Rob while Armed," and "Felony Firearm."

Western District

On April 6th, officers assigned to the Western District rendered assistance to (2) two adult females who were victims of a street armed robbery in the area of Fenkell and Cherrylawn. Due to a concert of efforts by officers within the Western District, (1) adult male, and (1) one juvenile male were shortly apprehended. Both suspects were later identified by both victims during a photo line-up. As a result, the adult male was charged with Armed Robbery, Assault with Intent to Commit Armed Robbery, and Felony Firearm, while the juvenile was remanded by the Wayne County Youth Facility.



Central District

On April 2nd, officers assigned to the Central District patrolling the area of Woodward and Elizabeth, pursued a gunman on foot after receiving information from a witness who observed the gunman produce the weapon on him. During the pursuit, the officers observed the gunman toss the weapon from his waistband then was apprehended shortly after. As a result of the officers visibility and diligence, a gun was removed off the streets of the City of Detroit, and the gunman was charged with "Felony in Possession," Carrying a Concealed Weapon," in addition to being charged as an Habitual Offender.

Northeastern District Community Anti-Crime Walk.

"Speak Up"

"Let's Take a stand for What's Right"

Rose of Sharon C.O.G.I.C.

1799 E. State Fair

Detroit, Michigan 48234

Saturday 10 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

April 15th

Free T-Shirts/Handouts/Refreshments



Southwestern District

On April 7th, officers assigned to the Southwestern District, responded to a service call on "Shots Fired into an Occupied Motor Vehicle". Shortly after receiving a physical description and other witnesses observations on the wanted gunman, officers were able to track down the gunman to his residence. As a result of the officers diligent efforts, they were able to locate and apprehend the subject without incident. In addition, the weapon used in the assault including another loaded handgun, was recovered on the premises.

6. PRESENTATION/REPORT –REDRUM TASK FORCE

Cmdr. Tolbert presented information on the Redrum Task Force.

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

The following exchange occurred regarding the presentation:

Comm. Holley asked why the dismantled and disrupted numbers are combined?

Cmdr. Tolbert stated this is how the department receives them from the federal government.

Comm. Holley asked can you make a note to separate those numbers and give them to me at a later date.

Comm. Hampton asked are vehicles being liquidated after they are confiscated with the 16 million of narcotics.

Cmdr. Tolbert stated yes, but the 16 million is the street value, we confiscated about \$500,000 in cash.

Comm. Hampton asked who gets those funds.

Cmdr. Tolbert stated that the equitable sharing is between the involved agencies, after the federal government takes out the administration fees.

Comm. Holley asked AC Martin has there been any dialogue with the federal government on what you confiscate, you are able to keep.

AC Martin stated that the federal government's administrative fee is very small. He stated that the department gets to keep a good portion because there are only about four agencies doing the sharing.

Comm. Holley asked can this Board get a report on how that money is used.

Cmdr. Tolbert stated yes sir, it is in the equitable guide, but it is a complicated process to explain in a short period of time.

AC Martin stated to Comm. Holley that he would get him a copy.

Comm. Holley stated there were 145 homicides, what portion of those are drug related?

Cmdr. Tolbert stated he will get those numbers for the Board. He stated in the beginning, the department gives those cases a classification but once there is a charge, they go back and adjust those numbers.

Comm. Holley asked during the departments meetings, is there any discussion about outsiders coming in and taking advantage of the City?

Cmdr. Tolbert stated the City doesn't get outsiders coming in to set up shop. He stated they are leaving the City to set up shop elsewhere.

Comm. Holley stated as a Minister, he shouldn't worry about outsiders, but to keep people motivated and finding them jobs.

Cmdr. Tolbert stated absolutely, but they will also be leery about the outsiders.

Comm. Holley asked are there any statistics that show the department is cutting off the main supplier.

Cmdr. Tolbert stated that the narcotics aren't made here, they may pass through. He stated they try to cut off the distributors that are in our area.

Comm. Holley asked are the distributors housed inside or outside the City? Are there any numbers from the federal government to show that we are making an impact?

Cmdr. Tolbert stated he doesn't have those numbers at this time.

AC Martin stated there are some articles that the Chief receives and he will share them with the Board.

Comm. Holley asked does the department keep local statistics.

AC Martin stated those numbers are kept at the national level.

Comm. Hampton asked does the department do follow-ups after they have put a location out of business. What are the chances of them reopening?

Cmdr. Tolbert stated that percentage is very low, because most of them are being indicted and going to jail. The department has a wrap around process where they go back to make sure they don't return to that location.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Holley asked AC Martin and Atty. Hooks about the Board holding a community meeting to address the crime issues in the City. He stated the Board has some responsibilities to the citizens by having a forum. He stated he doesn't want to move on anything without the Chairperson's involvement.

AC Martin stated under the direction of the Mayor and the Chief, each district is responsible for holding a community anti-crime walk.

Comm. Hampton stated he supports the idea of a forum, so the community can come and voice their opinions to the different agencies that are involved.

Comm. Holley stated we need less walking and more talking. He stated we have kids wearing T-Shirts that say "no snitching".

Comm. Okdie stated to Comm. Holley he hears his frustration and there is certainly something the Board can do. He stated 10 years ago with all of the fires in the City, the citizens got involved and we have drastically stopped those fires. He stated someone has to initiate maybe the Board can do this.

Comm. Hampton stated we need to take our City back, and labor would be willing to do whatever possible to help with that process.

Atty. Hooks stated to Comm. Holley that Exec. Dir. Goss and she have been discussing putting on a forum to discuss the "no snitching". She stated they have looked at information from other cities to see how they are dealing with the situation.

Comm. Holley stated he doesn't want the City to get comfortable. He stated there are some ordinances that need to be changed. He stated all of the homicides are Detroit children.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 27, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

R. Scott stated he has spoken to Atty. Hooks and Exec Dir. Goss and concurs with Comm. Holley's call about the shootings in our City. He stated to Comm. Holley that as a clergy he is one of the few ministers that will come out into the community. He stated that resources are needed to help tackle some of these issues. The law enforcement is the last part of the process when everything else fails. He stated the three families and the workers that were employed were all affected by these shootings. The Board needs to make a statement as soon as possible on these issues.

D. Banks stated he was before this Board two weeks ago and was told by ICI Sheard that his investigation was still ongoing. He stated he has a letter dated April 6, 2006 the same day of the meeting two weeks ago saying that it was closed.

Comm. Holley asked what day was it.

D. Banks stated April 6th.

Comm. Holley asked did you receive the letter on that day.

D. Banks stated no, he picked the letter up yesterday. Prior to April 6th he was told by Supervising Investigator Cromwell that a letter would be sent to him.

Comm. Holley asked is the case opened or closed.

ICI Sheard stated that Mr. Banks picked up the letter from him yesterday. He stated Mr. Banks' case was being reviewed which means it doesn't go through the normal process. The day in question he had not been briefed by Supervising Investigator Cromwell as to the status of Mr. Banks review.

Comm. Holley stated this is the finding of the review.

ICI Sheard stated that's correct.

Comm. Holley asked Atty. Hooks what is the next step?

Atty. Hooks stated she needs to see if there's another step.

Comm. Holley stated to Mr. Banks to let Atty. Hooks look into it.

D. Banks stated that ICI Sheard is not telling the truth.

Comm. Holley stated to Mr. Banks that he disagrees with the judgment and he is trying to see if he can help him.

D. Banks stated he was told by Supervisor Cromwell that the Board will review the finding.

Atty. Hooks stated to Comm. Holley the Board reviews cases when they are initially submitted; this is a review and based on what she is hearing the result was that there is no reason to reopen it or take another look at it.

Comm. Holley stated to Mr. Banks to let Atty. Hooks have a copy of the letter and they will discuss the letter to see if they can help.

G. Karolski stated he wanted to voice his opinion about the secret deal that's being given to Boulevard and Trumbull Towing and his seven companies. He stated there has been a \$30,000 secret deal for the evidence building that he didn't have a chance to bid on.

Comm. Holley asked all of the towing people in the room to stand. He stated that Comm. Blackwell talked to the Chief and the Mayor and the memo that was sent out is not correct. He asked the towing companies to put together a meeting and he will attend. He stated that Comm. Blackwell and he will then take their concerns to the Mayor and the Chief.

Atty. Hooks asked for Mr. Karolski to leave his name and telephone number.

G. Karolski stated sure.

Comm. Hampton stated for the record can we get the name and numbers of all of the towing companies that are present.

Comm. Holley stated he is asking for a meeting with all of the towing companies present.

Comm. Hampton thanked the department for their help in addressing the prostitution problem around his church.

AC Martin stated you can thank Cmdr. Tolbert as that falls under his function.

S. Hines stated there is a race track on Lesure between Six Mile and Puritan. She stated that whole area has vehicles racing down those streets at a high speed and they are also gambling on the corner.

Atty. Hooks asked what time of day is this happening.

S. Hines stated all times of the day and night.

AC Martin stated he will pass this to the district.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb